



Water Week in Kentucky

Reducing Waste Comes Naturally

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Trash is Pollution!

Despite environmental regulations that protect the quality of streams, lakes, and wetlands, solid waste (trash) often ends up in these waters. Trash can enter the water through stormwater runoff or by illegal dumping. Plastics can be especially hazardous to wildlife by causing internal organ failure, hindering movement or slow strangulation.



https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/1/1d/Polluted_stream_J1.jpg

What can you do to keep trash out of the streams?

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rebuy

- Bring reusable bags and containers for shopping, traveling, or packing lunches.
- Choose products that are returnable, reusable, or refillable.
- Start your own compost bin for food scraps and yard waste.
- Shop at second-hand stores.
- Buy items made of recycled content.
- Buy in bulk rather than individual packages.
- Recycle items like glass, aluminum, steel, paper, plastic, and electronics.



<http://www.reddishvalecountrypark.com/communities/1/004/009/311/871/images/4562282369.jpg>

Composting: Nature's way to reduce waste

Composting is a natural process of recycling organic material such as leaves and vegetable scraps into a rich soil. Composting has many benefits for the environment including:

- Reducing landfill waste and incineration
- Reducing dependence on fossil fuels and
- Creating a nutrient rich soil filled with a diversity of organisms

To learn more about composting in your backyard visit: <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>



<https://i.pinimg.com/564x/13/ef/4f/13ef4f6f79d0b99c7b030482ce701938.jpg>